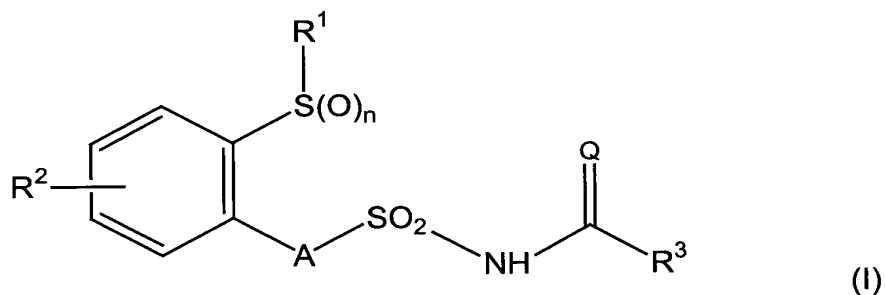


In the claims:

~~Please amend the claims as follows:~~

1. (Twice Amended) A sulfonylamino(thio)carbonyl of the formula (I)



wherein

n represents the number 0, 1 or 2,

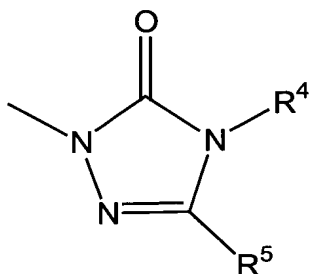
A represents a single bond,

Q represents oxygen or sulfur,

R¹ represents hydrogen, formyl or represents optionally substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, alkoxyamino, dialkylamino, N-alkoxy-N-alkyl-amino, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl or cycloalkylsulfonyl,

R² represents cyano, halogen or represents optionally substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, dialkylaminosulfonyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyloxy or alkynyloxy, and

R³ represents an optionally substituted heterocyclyl of the formula below, wherein



R⁴ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino or cyano, or represents C₂-C₁₀-alkylideneamino, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-carbonyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted C₁-C₆-alkyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro- and/or bromo-substituted C₂-C₆-alkenyl or C₂-C₆-alkynyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylamino or C₁-C₆-alkyl-carbonylamino, or represents C₃-C₆-alkenyloxy, or represents di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano- and/or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkylamino or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano-, nitro-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-, trifluoromethyl- and/or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted phenyl or phenyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl,

R⁵ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, amino, cyano, fluoro, chloro, bromo or iodo, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-carbonyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted C₁-C₆-alkyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro- and/or bromo-substituted C₂-C₆-alkenyl or C₂-C₆-alkynyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, cyano-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylamino or C₁-C₆-

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alkylcarbonylamino, or represents C₃-C₆-alkenyloxy, C₃-C₆- alkynyloxy, C₃-C₆-alkenylthio, C₃-C₆- alkynylthio, C₃-C₆-alkenylamino or C₃-C₆-alkynyllamino, or represents di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, or represents optionally methyl- and/or ethyl-substituted aziridino, pyrrolidino, , or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano- and/or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkenyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyloxy, C₃-C₆-cycloalkylthio, C₃-C₆-cycloalkylamino, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl- C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl- C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl- C₁-C₄-alkylthio or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl- C₁-C₄-alkylamino, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano-, nitro-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-, trifluoromethyl-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy- and/or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted phenyl, phenyl- C₁-C₄-alkyl, phenoxy, phenyl- C₁-C₄-alkoxy, phenylthio, phenyl- C₁-C₄-alkylthio, phenylamino or phenyl- C₁-C₄-alkylamino, or

R⁴ and R⁵ together represent optionally branched alkanediyl having 3 to 11 carbon atoms,
and salts thereof.

2. (Twice Amended) The sulfonylamino(thio)carbonyl of claim 1, wherein

n represents the number 0, 1 or 2,

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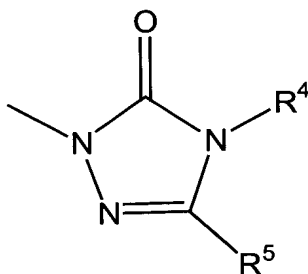
Q represents oxygen or sulfur,

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fluoro-, chloro-, bromo- or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl-carbonyl or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl-sulfonyl,

R² represents cyano, fluoro, chloro or bromo or represents optionally cyano-, fluoro-, chloro-, bromo- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, dialkylaminosulfonyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkenyloxy or alkynyloxy having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms, and

R³ represents an optionally substituted heterocyclyl of the formula below,



wherein

R⁴ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino or cyano, or represents C₂-C₁₀-alkylideneamino, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-carbonyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted C₁-C₆-alkyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro- and/or bromo-substituted C₂-C₆-alkenyl or C₂-C₆-alkynyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylamino or C₁-C₆-alkyl-carbonylamino, or represents C₃-C₆-alkenyloxy, or represents di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano- and/or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkylamino or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano-, nitro-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-,

trifluoromethyl- and/or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted phenyl or phenyl- C₁-C₄-alkyl,

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R⁵ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, amino, cyano, fluoro, chloro, bromo or iodo, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-carbonyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted C₁-C₆-alkyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro- and/or bromo-substituted C₂-C₆-alkenyl or C₂-C₆-alkynyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, cyano-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-alkylthio, C₁-C₆-alkylamino or C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonylamino, or represents C₃-C₆-alkenyloxy, C₃-C₆-alkynyloxy, C₃-C₆-alkenylthio, C₃-C₆-alkynylthio, C₃-C₆-alkenylamino or C₃-C₆-alkynyllamino, or represents di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-amino, or represents optionally methyl- and/or ethyl-substituted aziridino, pyrrolidino, , or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano- and/or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₅-C₆-cycloalkenyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyloxy, C₃-C₆-cycloalkylthio, C₃-C₆-cycloalkylamino, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl- C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl- C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl- C₁-C₄-alkylthio or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl- C₁-C₄-alkylamino, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, cyano-, nitro-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-, trifluoromethyl-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy- and/or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted phenyl, phenyl- C₁-C₄-alkyl, phenoxy, phenyl- C₁-C₄-alkoxy, phenylthio, phenyl- C₁-C₄-alkylthio, phenylamino or phenyl- C₁-C₄-alkylamino, or

R⁴ and R⁵ together represent optionally branched alkanediyl having 3 to 11 carbon atoms, and

the sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, ammonium, C₁-C₄-alkyl-ammonium, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-ammonium, tri-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-ammonium, tetra-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-ammonium, tri-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-sulfonium, C₅- or C₆-cycloalkyl-ammonium and di-(C₁-C₂-alkyl)-benzyl-ammonium salts thereof.

3. (Twice Amended) The sulfonylamino(thio)carbonyl of claim 1, wherein

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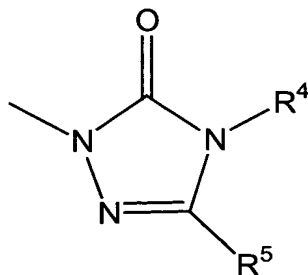
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R² represents cyano, fluoro, chloro or bromo, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i- or s-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, n-, i- or s-butoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, n-, i-, s- or t-butylthio, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, dimethylaminosulfonyl or diethylaminosulfonyl, or represents propenyl, butenyl, propynyl, butynyl, propenyloxy, butenyloxy, propynyloxy or butynyloxy, and

R³ represents an optionally substituted heterocyclyl of the formula below:



wherein

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R^4 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl or amino, or represents C_3 - C_8 -alkylideneamino, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, cyano-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro- or bromo-substituted propenyl, butenyl, propynyl or butynyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, cyano-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, n-, i-, s- or t-butoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, n-, i-, s- or t-butylamino, or represents propenyloxy or butenyloxy, or represents dimethylamino or diethylamino, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, methyl- and/or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropylamino, cyclobutylamino, cyclopentylamino, cyclohexylamino, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl or cyclohexylmethyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, methyl-, trifluoromethyl- and/or methoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, amino, fluoro, chloro or bromo, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, cyano-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro- or bromo-substituted ethenyl, propenyl, butenyl, propynyl or butynyl, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, cyano-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, n-, i-, s- or t-butoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, n-, i-, s- or t-butylthio, methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, n-,

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i-, s- or t-butylamino, or represents propenyloxy, butenyloxy, propynyloxy, butynyloxy, propenylthio, propadienylthio, butenylthio, propynylthio, butynylthio, propenylamino, butenylamino, propynylamino or butynyl amino, or represents dimethylamino, diethylamino or dipropylamino, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, methyl- and/or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy, cyclopropylthio, cyclobutylthio, cyclopentylthio, cyclohexylthio, cyclopropylamino, cyclobutylamino, cyclopentylamino, cyclohexylamino, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, cyclopropylmethoxy, cyclobutylmethoxy, cyclopentylmethoxy, cyclohexylmethoxy, cyclopropylmethylthio, cyclobutylmethylthio, cyclopentylmethylthio, cyclohexylmethylthio, cyclopropylmethylamino, cyclobutylmethylamino, cyclopentylmethylamino or cyclohexylmethylamino, or represents optionally fluoro-, chloro-, methyl-, trifluoromethyl-, methoxy- and/or methoxycarbonylsubstituted phenyl, benzyl, phenoxy, benzyloxy, phenylthio, benzylthio, phenylamino or benzylamino, or

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